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CHEROKEE

FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 9639 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DTD 28 SEP

QUOTE:

S E C R E T CAIRO 9639

NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR EG IS

SUBJECT: ISRAELI CARGO THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

REF: STATE 231061

1. I MET WITH FAHMY TODAY TO THANK HIM FOR HIS UNDERSTANDING  
AND CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION ON THE ISRAELI CARGO ISSUE. I TOLD  
HIM WE ACCEPT HIS JUDGMENT AND LEAVE IT TO HIM TO BRING PRESIDENT  
SADAT AROUND. SHOULD IT SEEM NECESSARY, YOU MIGHT STILL WISH  
ME TO TALK TO THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE MATTER. WE CONSIDER IT  
IMPORTANT TO PIN DOWN OCT 22 DATE PRIOR TO US IONGRESSIONAL  
ACTION ON US PROPOSAL AND ISRAELI SIGNATURE OF THE PROTOCOL,  
WHICH WE ARE MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT TO ACHIEVE BY THE END OF

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NEXT WEEK. I RECALLED HE HAD SAID THAT, IF WE WISH, HE WOULD TAKE

THE MATTER TO THE PRESIDENT AND TRY TO OBTAIN HIS APPROVAL AND  
THAT THIS MIGHT TAKE THREE OR FOUR DAYS. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL  
IF HE DID SO.

2. FAHMY REAFFIRMED HIS PROPOSED OCT 22 DATE. HE SAID HE WILL  
DISCUSS IT WITH THE PRESIDENT TONIGHT, PRIOR TO OR AFTER THE  
PRESIDENT'S MAJOR POLICY ADDRESS. (#3 297)\$ )35 7 ,92 - -0.

3. FAHMY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE OCT 22 DATE, IF APPROVED BY  
THE PRESIDENT, MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THE CONGRESS. THEY WILL LEAK IT.  
SO FAR AS GIVING IT TO THE ISRAELIS, HE THOUGHT THIS OUGHT NOT TO  
BE DONE UNTIL AROUND OCT 7 OR SO. EVEN THEN, THE ISRAELIS SHOULD  
BE ASKED NOT TO LEAK THE DATE. IF IT LEAKS PREMATURELY, THERE IS  
NO TELLING HOW SADAT MIGHT REACT. HE MIGHT CANCEL THE ARRANGEMENT.

4. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT EGYPTIAN  
REACTION TO ISRAELI PROPOSITION WOULD BE NEGATIVE--AT LEAST RIGHT  
NOW--AND DIDHNOT RPT NOT RAISE IT.

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